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are supposed to be under their control and subject to certain amount of discipline. The threat of strike on the part of the services is something very different from the strike of the workers in mills or industrial establishments. Here the Government have got a formula and they have a procedure and the conduct of the services are controlled by that procedure and if suddenly they take it into their heads to strike and run off at a tangent, it then becomes the painful necessity of Government to take note of these facts and to draw their attention to the fact that they are getting into indiscipline and their service regulations have got to be enforced. Therefore they have been told that if they persist in the present attitude and carry on the threat of strike, there will be time enough for the Government to intervene and take disciplinary action and that is what they have done and they have done nothing against the service regulations. The Government have reminded the services of the duty they owe to the Government with regard to what they have got to discharge in their every day duty and even in the matter of calling for a strike, they have to conform to rules guiding their conduct and they cannot take it into their heads to declare a strike as they please; it is the height of indiscipline which no Government can tolerate particularly amongst their services. That is why their attention has been drawn to the real positions; any discussion at this stage will not be advisable. It will neither help the Government nor those who are talking about organizing a strike. It will not help them, nor the Government nor even this House because a discussion of this nature at this moment is most inadvisable. Under these circumstances, I request the mover of the resolution not to press for it."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Mr. President, in view of what the Leader of the House has stated, I do not wish to press the adjournment motion; but I would make a request to the Government to consider the conditions of these poor people and do the needful for them. I would also request the Government to be lenient to non-gazetted officers so far as disciplinary action is concerned."

III.—MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to anounce to the House the following messages dated Fort St. George, the 9th October 1947, received by me from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly :—

' (1) In accordance with rule 111 (2) of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the motion passed to-day by the Madras Legislative Assembly, desiring to obtain the concurrence of the Council in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses to consider the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 1947 :—

" That, under rule 111 of the Madras Assembly Rules, the concurrence of the Legislative Council be obtained in setting up a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses, consisting of fourteen members to consider the Bill."

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(2) In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules I transmit a copy of the Madras Hackney Carriage (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 18 of 1947) as passed by the Assembly on the 9th October 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.

(3) In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules I transmit a copy of the Prisons (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 19 of 1947) as passed by the Assembly on the 9th October 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.

(4) In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules I transmit a copy of the Prisons (Madras Amendment No. II) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 20 of 1947) as passed by the Assembly on the 9th October 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.'.

(5) In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules I transmit a copy of the Madras Tuberculosis Sanatoria (Regulation of Buildings) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1947) as passed by the Assembly on the 9th October 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.

(6) In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules I transmit a copy of the Madras City Improvement Trust (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1947) as passed by the Assembly on the 9th October 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council.'

"I have also to announce to the House the following message dated Fort St. George, 18th October 1947, received by me from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

'In accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules I transmit a copy of the Madras Estates Communal, Forest and Private Lands (Prohibition of Alienation) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1947) as passed by the Assembly on the 18th October 1947 and signed by me for the concurrence of the Council '."

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS SUPPRESSION OF IMMORAL TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL NO. 17 OF 1947).

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Mr. President, I move—

'*That this House concurs in setting up a joint select committee of the two Houses consisting of 14 members (seven members from each House) to consider the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 17 of 1947) and that the following members of this House be nominated to the said Joint Select Committee.*'

I shall give the list of names later.

"Under section 12 of the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930, solicitation by a woman in a street or public place is liable to be punished with imprisonment for a term which